

Remarks/Arguments

A. Pending Claims

Claims 342 and 460-492 are pending. Claims 1-341 and 343-459 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 460-492 are new.

B. Preliminary Amendment

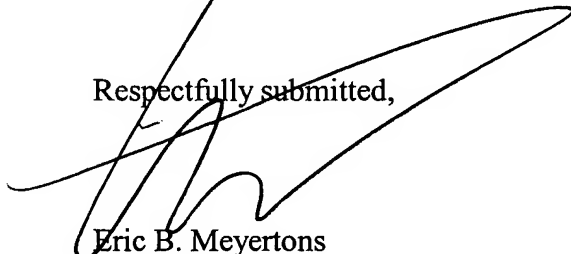
On July 15, 2002, Applicant filed a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification and claims. Claims 1-308, 343-374, 376-398, 400-421 and 423-459 were cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

B. Election/Restriction

Applicant hereby elects Group XIII, claims 342-374, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in claims 1-341 and 375-459.

Applicant believes that a fee is not required with the submission of this response. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5936-00543/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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